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# INDONESIA

## ACTIVITY SHEET EDUCATION

### THE OBJECTIVE:

IMPROVED CAPACITY OF  
INDONESIAN INSTITUTIONS  
TO PREPARE STUDENTS  
FOR LEARNING, WORK AND  
SERVICE



### INDONESIA'S CHALLENGE

For most poor children and youth around the world the best hope they have of escaping poverty and fulfilling their dreams is a quality education. Unfortunately, many of Indonesia's children and youth finish school without the skills they need to succeed and achieve their life goals and ambitions. A few of the primary reasons for this are poorly trained teachers and poorly managed schools.

Indonesia's universities and colleges are not as successful as those in neighboring countries at preparing their students for the challenges they face in a modern, 21<sup>st</sup> century world. These institutions are also not contributing as much as they could to Indonesia's social and economic development because a) their faculties are not as engaged in quality, internationally-recognized research as they should be and b) their connections with practitioners, which would increase the relevance and usefulness of their academic programs, are weak. At present, only 3 Indonesian universities, colleges or training institutes are listed among the top 100 educational institutions in Asia: the University of Indonesia; the University of Gadjah Mada, and Bandung Institute of Technology.

### A USAID EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP WITH INDONESIA

To tackle these challenges, USAID efforts focus on providing pre-service and in-service training for elementary and middle school teachers and working to increase the effectiveness and accountability of school management. USAID's higher education program focuses on boosting the quality and practical relevance of university teaching, strengthening the quality of university management, and increasing the access of Indonesia's poorest students to a college or university education.

In both basic and higher education, USAID is committed to building the capacity of Indonesian schools and educational institutions – helping them implement best practices, increase the competitiveness of their graduates, and increase the likelihood that Indonesian students will succeed and realize their goals. USAID assistance will:

#### EXPAND ACCESS TO QUALITY BASIC EDUCATION

- Provide better teaching in targeted schools and districts
- Help more Indonesian children complete basic education
- Improve management and coordination of Ministries and key education institutions.

#### IMPROVE THE QUALITY AND RELEVANCE OF HIGHER EDUCATION

- Strengthen Ministerial capacity to implement policy reforms.
- Improve management of targeted universities.
- Improve Teaching, Research, and Service at targeted university departments.

### A HISTORY OF USAID IN INDONESIA

USAID and its United States government predecessors have worked in Indonesia since 1950. As part of a comprehensive partnership between Indonesia and the United States, USAID is currently supporting efforts in basic and higher education; forestry, marine and fisheries management; clean energy and climate change; democratic governance; health services; and employment generation.



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